

SENATE RESOLUTION 16

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cherisse Nicole Eatmon of Alexandria, Virginia.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Cherisse Nicole Eatmon; and

WHEREAS, Cherisse Eatmon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Charleston, South Carolina, on January 19, 1987, Cherisse Eatmon was the daughter of Mary Christine Brown Eatmon and James Curtis Eatmon; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and her Master of Public Health degree in Health Services Policy Management from the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eatmon devoted her professional career to working with elected officials to advocate for healthcare and voting policies and bipartisan legislation, and her life's work will continue to affect change and have a lasting national impact; and

WHEREAS, Cherisse Eatmon served as the senior director of the State Caucus Network with the Millennial Action Project, where she led the bipartisan engagement of more than 800 young state legislators across the country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eatmon also served as the manager of legislator outreach with the Women in Government Foundation, Inc., and as a manager at New Morning Foundation, where she managed a volunteer network of more than 100 professional leaders and organizations responsible for health policy advocacy in the community and at the South Carolina State House; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her passing, Cherisse Eatmon was the senior director of state government affairs at RepresentUS, where she worked diligently to develop a program to assist

the organization in furthering its goal to bring conservative and progressive elected officials together to pass laws to repair broken elections and stop political bribery; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Cherisse Eatmon is survived by her parents; her aunts, Jean Ellis, Beatrice Eatmon, Joyce Ann (James Walter) Phelps, Bernice Knight, Helen Brown Bullock, and Patricia (Julius) Person; her uncle, Oliver Ray Brown; her godson, Tristen Davon Prioleau; her godbrother, Cameron Mack; her close friends, Ashley Gamble, Brittany Camden, and Chelsea Kelly; her Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, sorors; her extended University of South Carolina family; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Cherisse Eatmon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Cherisse Nicole Eatmon, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Eatmon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.